

dying industry. I handed out an article the other day which, or a column, which described how in every category by which you judge the success of a track, Ak-Sar-Ben is losing. The handle is down, the attendance is down, everything is down. There were two other tracks in nearby states mentioned in the column that had to go to simulcasting. One closed down and then reopened but did no more live meets. The other one did not do live meets or something to that effect. But once a track falls into the condition of Ak-Sar-Ben it will never recover. Those who operate the track acknowledge that anything in the way of entertainment is competitive with Ak-Sar-Ben. There are reasons that are valid that I have for being against this bill, but I have to be honest. There are reasons other than my objection to the bill that I have offered these amendments. It is in the nature of retribution that those amendments were offered. Senator Hall and Senator Will, mainly Senator Hall through his skillful arguments against my LB 17 prevented a bill which was my priority bill from advancing, but that happens. He is a member of the body. There was a person outside the body who personalized the attack against that bill and portrayed me as the one who should be stood up to because to vote for that bill is to bow down to Ernie Chambers. When he injected the personal note, he crossed a line and threw down a cudgel, but he is not a member of the body. So he doesn't have that prerogative without expecting some comeback and those amendments reveal that. Earlier in the session, just a few days ago in fact, a revenue bill failed to get enough votes to advance. I had said people should simmer down and be patient. Those things always happen at the end of a session, but somehow the session finishes, the essential legislation is enacted and we will have done those things which need to be done and are in the best interest of the public. LB 365 does not have to pass. It is not a bill in the best interest of the public. I think it should be defeated by fair means or foul. That's how much I hate the bill. This session is like a marathon. Even experienced runners hit what they call the wall. You reach a certain point in the race, some people who liken it to a refrigerator falling on your back or a gorilla, and you feel like your whole system is coming apart and you can't go on, but if you go on, you pass through that, you get your second wind, your body adjusts, you finish the marathon, and if you pace yourself correctly and have trained adequately, you not only finish, but you win. I looked at what Senator Hall and others had done following the direction of people in the lobby and the verse that came to my mind was, you sow the wind and you reap the whirlwind.